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MINUTES LYONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 30, 2011

OPEN MEETING 6:00 P.M.

The Lyons City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Morgan. Present were City Councilors Mike Lucas, Troy Donohue, and Lon Conner. Councilor Dan Burroughs was excused. City Staff in attendance were City Manager Mary Mitchell and Assistant City Manager Audrey McNerney.

Mayor Morgan asked that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. He then inquired as to whether there were any declarations of conflict of interest or ex-parte contact regarding the agenda items. There being none, the meeting continued.

GUESTS. George L. Geddes, Theresa Donohue, Marc Hughes, Sandi Landers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS TO COUNCIL. Morgan announced that if anyone would like to comment or address the Council, this was the time to do so.

1. There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Donohue asked Mitchell why the City needed to purchase a welder. Mitchell explained that there have been numerous occasions recently when welding work needed to be done but without having a welder, the work had to either sit or the City had to pay someone to do the work. There were several areas such as on the library ramp, walking and pathway bridges which needed railings. The 13th Street bridge wooden railings have been vandalized several times and public works employee J.D Burns, who stated that he had the ability to weld, plans to replace those those railings with metal ones. After discussion Donohue made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda which included:

2. Minutes - July 25, 2011 City Council Meeting
3. Bills to Pay - August 2011
4. Resolution #448 – Fair Housing Resolution

Conner seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion carries.

Donohue commented that the August 18th Memorandum concerning the purchase of top soil stated that the public works employees had spread the topsoil on the area when actually the topsoil was spread by his wife and children.

DISCUSSION ITEMS.

5. City Council Commissioners – Update of Activities.

Donohue stated that he had completed the plan for the upgrade of the library bathroom but did not have it in final form. He said that he would bring it to City Hall by the end of the week.

Morgan reported that he had attended the Mayor's conference. There had been discussion there regarding the state and federal regulations regarding the water and sewer systems. Many cities are concerned about the money that will need to be spent to upgrade their systems to meet the new standards.

6. Approval of Auditor Contract. Lucas asked if the contract was different from last year. Mitchell responded that it was pretty much the same. Both contracts include a "not to exceed" cap on the fees and the fees for last year's audit was less than the cap. Morgan stated that it was an unofficial policy to change auditing firms every three years. Mitchell stated that they had done a very complete, comprehensive job on last year's audit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – LIMITED TO DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS.

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS.

7. Lucas made a motion to approve the Engagement Agreement for Audit Services and the Contract for Audit Services submitted by Steve Tuchscherer, Certified Public Accountant, P.C. Conner seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion carries.

There was discussion regarding whether or not additional topsoil was needed for the 13th Street planting project which Teresa Donohue had volunteered to do. She said that she worked with what she had and that the project was completed.

Morgan thanked Mrs. Donohue for her efforts.

Lucas commented that the City should consider a quarterly review of volunteer efforts and rewarding those efforts with a letter of appreciation. He went on to say that those efforts should also be publicly acknowledged.

Council Availability for September 27th Meeting. All councilors present stated that to the best of their knowledge they would be available on that date.

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Audrey McNerney
Assistant City Manager